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PROPOSED CIVIL AVIATION REGULATIONS : PART 101 - RULES OF THE AIR AND GENERAL OPERATING RULES : OPERATION OF UNMANNED FREE BALLOONS, KITES AND REMOTELY PILOTED AIRCRAFT

The Ministry of Works, Transport and Communication recently initiated the project to update the current Namibian aviation legislation. There are two main reasons for updating the aviation legislation, namely, the current legislation does not adequately reflect the policies of Namibia for the aviation sector and does not reflect recent developments within SADC. The project further aims to enhance the safety of civil

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aviation by ensuring that the Namibian legislation complies with the minimum standards prescribed by the International Civil Aviation Organization.

Part of the short-term legislative reform involves the updating of the regulations made under the Aviation Act, 1962 (Act 74 of 1962).

Due to the nature and extensive range of subjects which need to be regulated, this part of the project will be executed in phases and regulations will be published accordingly. The proposed structure of the Civil Aviation Regulations is set out in Schedule 1.

All the definitions for the proposed civil aviation regulations will be contained and published in Part 1.

The Director : Civil Aviation invites all interested parties to comment on the proposed structure of the Civil Aviation Regulations, as well as the proposed regulations on the Operation of Unmanned Free Balloons, Kites and Remotely Piloted Aircraft set out in Schedule 2. The proposed regulations represent Part 101 of the proposed structure.

Comments or representations should be lodged in writing and should reach the Ministry not later than **90 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Correspondence should be addressed to:

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Upon expiry of the aforementioned 90 day period, all comments which have been received will be evaluated for possible incorporation into the proposed regulations on the Operation of Unmanned Free Balloons, Kites and Remotely Piloted Aircraft and if necessary, a workshop will be held to finalise the proposed regulations.

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Applicability

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101.00.1 This Part shall apply to the operation of unmanned free balloons, kites and remotely piloted aircraft and contains -

- (a) in addition to the provisions of Part 91, the operating and flight rules relating to such operations; and
- (b) the exceptions to the general operating and flight rules prescribed in Part 91.

Flight rules for kites and remotely piloted aircraft

101.00.2 Except with the prior written approval of the Director and subject to such conditions as the Director may impose, the operation of kites and remotely piloted aircraft shall not -

- (a) take place higher than 150 feet above the surface;
- (b) take place closer than five nautical miles from the boundary of an aerodrome; or
- (c) commence or be carried out above a public road.

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Flight rules for captive and unmanned free balloons

101.00.3 No captive or unmanned free balloon shall be flown in Namibia except with the prior written approval of the Director and subject to such conditions as the Director may deem necessary in the interest of aviation safety: Provided that at the time of granting such approval in respect of any such balloon, or at any time subsequently, the Director may exempt such balloon from any of the provisions of Subpart 6 of Part 91, or determine that such provision shall apply to such balloon subject to such modifications as the Director may deem fit.

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